



DATE: January 22, 2014

AGENDA ITEM # 2

TO: Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Commission

FROM: Kathy Small, City Staff

SUBJECT: Portola Avenue Sidewalk, Project 11-19

RECOMMENDATION:

Receive update regarding the Portola Avenue Sidewalk project

BACKGROUND

Portola Avenue Sidewalk, Project 11-19, is to provide new sidewalk, storm drain system, curb and gutter on the south side of W. Portola Avenue between Egan School and Westminster Lane. This new stretch of sidewalk will connect the existing sidewalk at each end of this section.

This project has been recognized as one of the priority improvement projects and is supported by the community, Traffic Commission, Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Commission, Los Altos School District, Egan School PTA, and City Council. Since 2007, the City of Los Altos had applied and competed for the Safe Routes to School Grant multiple times and did not get the funds requested. Capitol Improvement Program (CIP) for this project (11-19) was developed and approved by City Council in the FY 2010-11 with a total budget of \$51,000.

Staff prepared the Request for Proposal (RFP) for the design of this CIP project. City Council awarded the design contract to Ruark & Associates on April 2011. Engineering design was completed to 65%. The projected engineering estimate at 65% design exceeded the \$51,000 budget and the design was put on hold until additional funding was identified.

DISCUSSION

On August 23, 2013, Siegfried Engineering was contracted to complete the project design. The design of Portola Avenue Sidewalk, Project 11-19, is now completed to 100%. City staff and Siegfried Engineering are working on the construction bidding documents and it is anticipated to be ready for bid by March 2014.

City staff and Paul Schneider with Siegfried Engineering will be presenting the design elements in the Portola Avenue Sidewalk, Project 11-19. The design includes the new

sidewalk, concrete curb & gutter, storm drain system, and driveway approaches. The sidewalk surface can be either concrete or asphalt depending on funds and preference.

The construction time frame is determined to be within 60 days. We anticipate the starting of the construction this summer, during the months the school is off for summer. The details and updated schedule will be posted on the City web site (www.losaltosca.gov).

Prior to start of work, contractor will be placing barricades with notification of the work as well as issuing door hangers to the immediate residents 48 hours prior to start. Temporary "NO PARKING" signs will be posted on barricades at least 48-hours in advance when it is necessary to have the street cleared of all vehicles. In the event weather conditions cause postponement, the work will be rescheduled when the weather allows the work to proceed and will be reposted.

During the construction, residents in the area may experience some traffic delays on W. Portola Avenue. There may be some temporary detours if necessary to complete the construction. W. Portola Avenue, between Egan School and Westminster Lane will be open for traffic at the end of each work day.